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1. It is reported that the leaders of the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) are discussing means of retaliation against the Bolivian Government for its having permitted police agents to break up violently the second Anniversary Mass, commemorating the death of Villarroel, on 23 July 1948. Cell leaders are reported to have met to plan a course of action.
2. MNR Deputy Raul Lema Pelaez, in an interview with the Minister of Government, protested bitterly against the brutal action of the police, and requested that the Government immediately print an article in favor of the MNR. The Government, however, denies any 'knowledge of the agents' actions and will not recognize the request of the MNR deputy.

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